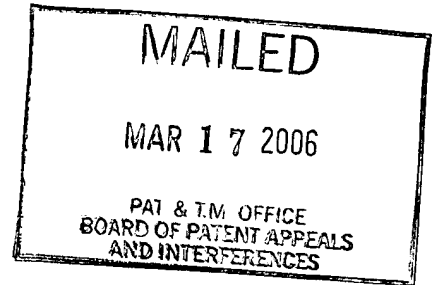


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte TRUNG MINH TRAN

Application No. 09/550,181



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 27, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

May 25, 2005, a Reply Brief was filed. The Reply Brief needs to be considered by the primary examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR § 41.43. A communication notifying appellant of the primary examiner's decision is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for consideration of the Reply Brief, a written notification to applicant of consideration and for such further action may be appropriate.

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